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 thereafter; and 2) Sanctions jointly and severally against all Defendants, their counsel, and Robert DeLaRee in the form of attorney fees and costs incurred in having to bring this application.

This application is being submitted to the Western Division of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Courtroom 680, located at 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

The basis for the ex parte application is that the parties represented to this Court in a stipulation that a key witness in this case, Robert DeLaRee, was unavailable for deposition for approximately six to eight weeks due to the fact that he would be undergoing hip replacement surgery. On that basis, the parties submitted a stipulation to continue the discovery cutoff date. However, as it turns out, DeLaRee never underwent surgery, and Defendants' counsel has just informed Plaintiff's counsel that he intends to at the end of this month and that he will be on bed rest for the next four months. Despite the fact that the witness was available for deposition these past two months, neither DeLaRee, Defendants, nor their counsel ever communicated this fact to Plaintiff's counsel, or this Court. As a results, the Defendants are attempting to further inhibit discovery, which would necessitate another continuance of the dates in this case, making this case two years old before any meaningful discovery has been completed.

This Application is based on this notice, the accompanying memorandum of points and authorities, the attached declaration of Michael A. McGill, all pleadings and other papers filed in this case, matters of which this Court may take judicial notice, and such other evidence and argument as may be presented to the Court at the hearing on this Application.

Without the relief requested, Plaintiff would be irreparably injured and prejudiced in that discovery would be put on hold again, despite the fact that DeLaRee has been available for deposition these past few months. Further, Plaintiff has acted diligently in seeking relief from this Court.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Background

- 1. This lawsuit has been brought by Plaintiff under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, claiming retaliation for engaging in protected First Amendment Speech. Plaintiff was a member of the Citizens Patrol Group for the Montebello Police Department. (McGill Dec, ¶2)
- 2. At the time, Plaintiff was a long-time resident of Montebello and former city council member. (She is currently a city council member as well.) As such, she was often asked to provide insight on local matters for newspapers and media outlets. (McGill Dec, ¶3)
- 3. In July or August 2006, she wrote an editorial in a local newspaper regarding matters of public concern. (McGill Dec, ¶4)
- 4. In October 2006, she was fired for writing this article. (McGill Dec, ¶5)
- 5. On this basis, Plaintiff brought the present lawsuit. (McGill Dec, ¶6)
- 6. The Defendants are the City of Montebello and its Chief of Police, Garry Couso-Vasquez. A key witness to the retaliation is Robert DeLaRee, who was a captain and was present at the meeting where it was concluded that Plaintiff should be fired. Both Couso-Vasquez and DeLaRee are potentially the only witnesses in this matter, and potentially the only deponents. (McGill Dec, ¶7)

Discovery

7. On March 6, 2008, Plaintiff properly noticed the depositions of both Couso-Vasquez and DeLaRee for March 27, 2008 and March 28, 2008 respectively. The depositions were set to take place at Plaintiff's counsel's office. (Ex. 1; McGill Dec, ¶8)

- 8. On March 12, 2008, Defendants' counsel wrote to Plaintiff stating that Couso-Vasquez was on medication that would inhibit his ability to provide accurate testimony, and requested that the deposition be rescheduled four to six weeks. (Ex.; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 9. On March 17, 2008, Plaintiff's counsel agreed to continue the discovery cut off date to accommodate Couso-Vasquez's condition. (Ex. 3; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 10. On March 19, 2008, the parties submitted a stipulation to continue the discovery cut-off date as a result of Couso-Vasquez's unavailability. This Court signed the stipulation and continued discovery cut-off to May 14, 2008. (McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 11. On March 21, 2008, Defendants wrote Plaintiff stating that DeLaRee "recently underwent a surgery related to his right hip" and that his restrictions require his deposition to be taken at defense counsel's office or in Montebello. (Ex. 4; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 12. That same day, Plaintiff emailed Defendants stating that his office is less than 30 miles from Montebello and that numerous accommodations could be made to insure DeLaRee's comfort.

 Defendants wrote back asking that the deposition be held at a neutral site. (Ex. 5; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 13. On March 25, 2008, Defendants wrote back stating that DeLaRee would not be attending his properly scheduled deposition at Plaintiff's counsel's office. (Ex. 6; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 14. On March 26, 2008, Defendants faxed to Plaintiff a purported doctor's note that appears to have been written over, that states DeLaRee can not "travel up to Upland, Calif due to medical reasons." (Ex. 7; McGill Dec, ¶9)

- 15. On March 27, 2008, Plaintiff wrote to Defendant stating that the deposition would go forward as planned, since Defendants had not properly objected to the deposition notice. (Ex. 9; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 16. That same day, Defendants wrote to Plaintiff, and for the first time, stated that DeLaRee was not a current employee and that he would have to be served with a deposition subpoena. (Ex. 8; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 17. That same day, Plaintiff responded asking whether counsel would accept service for DeLaRee. (Ex. 10; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 18. On March 28, 2008, Defendants' counsel indicated that he was authorized to accept service for DeLaRee. (Ex. 11; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 19. On March 31, 2008, Plaintiff issued a deposition subpoena on DeLaRee to Defendants' counsel setting the deposition for April 10, 2008 at Plaintiff's counsel's office. (Ex. 12; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- 20. At some point after this, Defendants contacted Plaintiff asking to reschedule DeLaRee's deposition. On April 9, 2008, the day before the deposition, Defendants' counsel emailed Plaintiff stating that DeLaRee was having a "reaction to the medication he is on." Inextricably, counsel states that "he believes his surgery will take place in the next ten days and the rehabilitation will last for 6 to 8 weeks." (Ex. 13; McGill Dec, ¶9) Earlier, counsel represented that DeLaRee had just "recently underwent a surgery."
- 21. Based upon counsel's representation that DeLaRee was having a reaction to his medical condition, Plaintiff's counsel agreed to continue discovery, again.
- 22. On April 15, 2008, the parties submitted a stipulation to continue the dates in this case, stating in part "one of the key witnesses, Robert DeLaRee, will undergo a hip replacement surgery within the next few weeks and the recuperation period for that procedure will take

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- anywhere between six to eight weeks." For those reasons, the parties asked that the discovery cut-off date be moved to August 14, 2008. (Ex. 14; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- On April 17, 2008, this Court, based upon those representations, 23. signed the order.
- On June 5, 2008 (seven weeks later), Plaintiff's counsel emailed 24. Defendants' counsel asking for available dates to proceed with the depositions. (Ex. 15; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- By June 27, 2008, Defendants' counsel never responded. On June 27, 25. 2008, Plaintiff's counsel emailed him again, asking for available dates. On June 30th, counsel responded asking for available dates from Plaintiff's counsel. (Ex. 16; McGill Dec, ¶9)
- On June 30th, Plaintiff's counsel provided available dates to 26. Defendants' counsel. (Ex. 17; McGill Dec, ¶9)
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 - "As for Robert DeLaRee, he is scheduled to have a hip replacement surgery on July 30, 2008 and will be in an [sic] out of the hospital for the week prior to that time for testing. Let's discuss how you want to proceed with his deposition. He indicated that there is a 4 month at home recover period subsequent to the surgery." (Ex. 17; McGill Dec, ¶9)
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II.

ARGUMENT

1. <u>LEGAL STANDARD FOR GRANTING EX PARTE RELIEF FOR LATE RE-FILING.</u>

In order to file and have an ex parte application heard, a showing must be made that 1) the moving party will suffer "irreparable injury or prejudice" and 2) that the injury or prejudice is "not attributable to the lack of diligence of the moving party."

A. PLAINTIFFS WILL BE IRREPARABLY INJURED AND PREJUDICED IF THE MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT IS REJECTED

This action was filed on January 2, 2007. As of today, no depositions have been taken. A discovery cut-off date is set for August 14, 2008 and a trial date of November 25, 2008.

Defendants' counsel has just indicated that DeLaRee, an admittedly "key witness," is set to have hip replacement surgery (again), on July 30, 2008 that will keep him "at home" for four months. In addition, he will be "in an [sic] out of the hospital for the week prior for testing. Plaintiff's counsel will be out of the state on a preplanned and paid for vacation from July 15, 2008 through July 24, 2008.

Therefore, without the relief requested, Plaintiff would be irreparably injured and prejudiced in that he would be forced to wait another four months before he could take the deposition of DeLaRee. In addition, Plaintiff requests an order of this Court that DeLaRee present himself for deposition on July 28, 2008, July 30, 2008, or some other date soon thereafter for a deposition. Plaintiff should not have to wait another four months when the deposition could have been taken in the intervening seven weeks.

B. <u>DEFENDANTS WILL NOT BE PREJUDICED BY THE</u> <u>RELIEF REQUESTED</u>

Defendants have indicated that they have no real interest one way or another in DeLaRee's deposition. Thus, they will suffer no prejudice.

C. PLAINTIFF ACTED DILIGENTLY AS THE MOVING PARTY

Plaintiff just discovered that the stipulation presented to this Court was wrong. Plaintiff just learned that the contents of the stipulation sent to the Court were not accurate. DeLaRee did not in fact have hip surgery within a few weeks, and was not at home recuperating from surgery, as was contemplated by the stipulation. Plaintiff just discovered this and has brought it to the Court's attention.

2. PLAINTIFF IS ENTITLED TO EX PARTE RELIEF SETTING DELAREE'S DEPOSITION FOR A DATE PRIOR TO HIS SURGERY.

The parties have continued the cut-off dates in this case twice already. If this Court does not step in, the parties will invariably have to continue discovery until the beginning of next year, making this case two years old.

The parties continued this last discovery cut-off date to accommodate the surgery of DeLaRee that was supposed to happen in May with six to eight weeks of recovery time. Thus, the parties would have been scheduling his deposition about this time. However, it has recently come to Plaintiff's counsel's attention that DeLaRee did not proceed with his surgery as was represented to this Court. DeLaRee's deposition could have been taken. Instead, either DeLaRee or the Defendants' counsel kept this fact a secret in order to delay these proceedings longer. If Plaintiff's counsel would have been told that the surgery was not going forward, we would have insisted that his deposition proceed as originally noticed.

Either DeLaRee or the Defendants have been playing games this entire time. First, they demanded a "neutral site" because DeLaRee didn't want drive less than 30 miles to Plaintiff's counsel's office, despite the numerous accommodations made to them. Then, they produced a suspect doctor's note. Next, after Plaintiff's gives in, they conceal the fact that the representations made to this Court as the basis for the continuance did not in fact occur.

Plaintiff's counsel will be unavailable for a deposition from July 16 through July 24, as he will be on vacation. Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court order DeLaRee to appear at Plaintiff's counsel's office for a deposition on either July 28, July 30, or some date soon thereafter. In addition, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court sanction Defendants, their counsel, and Mr. DeLaRee and order that they jointly and severally be liable for the fees and costs incurred in

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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL A. MCGILL

I, Michael A. McGill, declare:

- 1. I am licensed to practice before all Courts in the State of California and the United States District Court for the Central District of California. I am a partner at the law firm of Lackie, Dammeier & McGill APC, counsel of record for Plaintiff. I make the following statement of facts based upon personal knowledge, and if called to testify as to them, could and would do so competently.
- 2. I have advised counsel for Defendants that this ex parte request will be made to this Court by faxing this application and attachments to Marlon C. Wadlington, Counsel for Defendants on July 10, 2008 at /:// p.m.. As of the filing of this declaration, I have not been told whether Defendants oppose this application. This lawsuit has been brought by Plaintiff under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, claiming retaliation for engaging in protected First Amendment Speech. Plaintiff was a member of the Citizens Patrol Group for the Montebello Police Department.
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- 32. My client had necessarily incurred attorney fees in the amount of \$1,782.50 for my work in having to bring this action. This includes \$1,687.50 in fees and \$95.00 in courier expenses for having to file this application.
- 33. This application is necessary because the discovery cut off date and trial date will expire before Plaintiff has an opportunity to take the deposition of a key witness, Robert DeLaRee. In addition, if this application is not granted, DeLaRee will proceed with his surgery and the parties will have no choice but to wait another four months for his recuperation thereby putting this case on hold even further. This case will then be over two years old with no meaningful discovery having been completed. This application is especially necessary since either the Defendants, their counsel, or Mr. DeLaRee intentionally withheld the fact that his original surgery, which was the reason for the continuance, never occurred and thus he was available this whole time. His action should not be condoned by this Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 10, 2008

Michael A. McGill

EXHIBIT 1

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Dear Mr. McGill:

This correspondence will serve as a response to your deposition notices as it pertains to Defendant Garry Couso-Vazquez.

Defendant Couso-Vazquez recently had a surgery on his back. He is currently taking medication prescribed for the pain which affects his ability to provide his best testimony at deposition. He believes that he should be in a position to be off the medication within 4 to 6 weeks. Thus he would like to have the date for his deposition continued taking the above into consideration.

Defendant Couso-Vazquez and the City of Montebello are willing to have the deposition go forward after the discovery cut-off. With that being said, please contact my office to discuss alternate dates for the deposition

Very truly yours,

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> Kathy Salazar v. City of Montebello, et al. Re: Case No.: CV 07-0055 ABC (FFMx)

Dear Mr. Wadlington:

I am in receipt of your correspondence regarding Chief Couso-Vasquez's deposition. Obviously, if he is on medication that renders him unfit to provide accurate testimony, his deposition shall have to be rescheduled. However, the problem is that Chief Couso-Vasquez's deposition is one that may spawn additional depositions. Thus, after his deposition, it may be necessary to depose individuals that he implicates. Thus, your offer to allow the deposition after the discovery cut-off is of little assistance, unless you allow other necessary depositions as well. Please confirm in writing that you will allow such depositions, or we will need to present a stipulation to continue the discovery cut-off date.

In addition, please provide me with available dates so that we can continue the Chief's deposition. I will not formally take Chief Couso-Vasquez's deposition off calendar until we have confirmed a new date and resolved the aforementioned issue. As for Mr. DeLaRee's deposition, we are still on. However, Ms. Salazar's deposition currently scheduled for April 11, 2008, will be continued to a date after Chief Couso-Vasquez.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Kathy Salazar (via email only)

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Re: Kathy Salazar v. City of Montebello, et al.

Dear Mr. McGill:

In response to your notice of deposition of Robert DeLaRee, we contacted him to discuss his availability to attend on March 28, 2008 at your offices. Mr. DeLaRee informed me that he recently underwent a surgery to replace his right hip. Thus, he has restrictions against prolonged, sitting, walking and laying down. I have enclosed a copy of the doctor's note forwarded to our attention.

I propose that the deposition either be taken at our office in Cerritos, or at the City of Montebello. Please contact me with your thoughts at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUUD & ROMO

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Cc: Marlon C. Wadlington

Subject: RE: Salazar v. City of Montebello

I meant neutral as in in between Montebello and Upland. I will call him on Monday and address your last response. Have a great Easter.

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I don't want to endanger the man. Whatever I can do, within reason, I will do. It will be a very short depo and we can take breaks whenever, etc. We can start at whatever time he wants to.

But, you mention a neutral site. That tell's me he just doesn't want to do the depo in my office, not that he is medically precluded from it. Its a nice drive, my staff is very nice, he has nothing to fear.

Let me know. Mike

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As I am sure you know, it is not my concern. However, he is under the impression that it is not in his medical interests. Do you have another proposal? Any other neutral sites? Let me know your thoughts.

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To: Marlon C. Wadlington

Subject: RE: Salazar v. City of Montebello

Marlon:

I read your letter re Mr. DeLaRee's deposition. I don't generally agree to take depositions at other locations than my office. What is the concern about having the deposition at my office....the drive out there? (My office is like 30 miles from Montebello).

Mike

Michael McGill

From: Marlon C. Wadlington [MWadlington@aalrr.com]

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Subject: Salazar v. City of Montebello

In regard to the deposition of Defendant Gary Cousso-Vazquez, pursuant to our earlier communications regarding his recovery from back surgery, and the court's approval of the stipulation to continue the discovery and motion cut-off dates, that deposition will not be going forward on March 27, 2008.

In regard to the deposition of Robert DeLaRee, we discussed on Friday whether there were any locations, other than your offices in the city of Upland, where the deposition could take place. This request was made pursuant to the doctor's note submitted stating that Mr. DeLaRee is not to sit, stand, or walk for long distances. We offered to have the deposition remain on calendar, but be taken at our office, or at the city of Montebello's offices. In speaking with Mr. DeLaRee today, he is adamant that a drive and deposition at your offices will cause him great discomfort. Thus, do you want to proceed with the deposition at the other proposed locations, or do you want to continue the depositions to a later date?

I will await your response.

Marlon C. Wadlington Attorney

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Re: Kathy Salazar v. City of Montebello, et al.

Dear Mr. McGill:

Pursuant to our earlier discussions regarding the deposition of Robert DeLaRee, currently scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2008, we are enclosing a copy of a disability notice facsimiled to our office by Isaac Schmidt, M.D. for your review. Pursuant to the disability notice, we need to discuss other options for taking the deposition of Robert DeLaRee. Our original offer to take the deposition at either our office, or preferably at the City of Montebello are still available. However, we may need to change the date in order to provide ample opportunity to provide a conference room for the deposition.

Your anticipated reply is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Marlon C. Wadlington

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SENDER'S EMAIL: MCGILL@POLICEATTORNEY.

I am in receipt of your correspondence of March 26, 2008, in which you provide, for the first time, a doctor's note that appears to state that Mr. DeLaRee cannot "travel up to Upland, Calif due to medical reasons." The note is highly suspicious as it appears to have been written over by someone and the date is unclear. I am also concerned by the timeliness of this note, given your previous email that Mr. DeLaRee wants a "neutral" site. It is abundantly clear that he is attempting to avoid the deposition simply because he does not want to travel 30 miles to my office.

Notwithstanding these shenanigans, you have failed to obtain any legal protections that would exclude Mr. DeLaRee's appearance tomorrow at my office for deposition. You have not obtained a protective order and you have not sought a motion to quash. Thus, there is no legal excuse for not appearing. New England Carpenters Health Benefits Fund v. First Databank, Inc. (D MA 2007) 242 F.R.D. 164, 166—party who objects to noticed deposition cannot refuse to appear but must obtain protective order. In addition, there is no requirement that failure to appear or respond be willful before sanctions may be imposed. Lew v. Kona Hosp. (9th Cir. 1985) 754 F.2d 1420, 1426; Adv. Comm. Notes (1970).

As you know, in federal court, a party who fails to appear for deposition is subject to sanctions even in the absence of a prior order. FRCP 37(d); Hilao v. Estate of Marcos (9th Cir. 1996) 103 F.3d 762, 764–765. For failure to appear, the court may order the matters at issue (or any other designated facts) "established" for purposes of the action. FRCP 37(b)(2)(A)(i); Insurance Corp. of Ireland, Ltd. v. Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinee (1982) 456 U.S. 694, 695, 102 S.Ct. 2099, 2100. Furthermore, for failing to appear, the court may order the disobedient party "precluded" from supporting or opposing designated claims or defenses, or from introducing designated matters into evidence. FRCP 37(b)(2)(A)(ii); Von Brimer v. Whirlpool Corp. (9th Cir. 1976) 536 F.2d 838, 844; Reilly v. Natwest Markets Group Inc. (2nd Cir. 1999) 181 F.3d 253, 269.

Marlon C. Wadlington, Esq. March 27, 2008 Page Two

For blatant violations, such as we have here, the court may sanction the disobedient party (the City) by striking its answer, thus placing it in default. FRCP 37(b)(2)(A)(iii)-(iv); <u>United States v. Kahaluu Const. Co.</u> (9th Cir. 1998) 857 F.2d 600, 602. In addition to evidentiary and terminating sanctions, reasonable expenses, including attorney fees, are also awarded against a party who fails to appear for their deposition. [FRCP 37(b)(2)(C); <u>Lew v. Kona Hosp.</u> (9th Cir. 1985) 754 F.2d 1420, 1427—no showing of willfulness required.

Finally, I note that you did not appear for Mr. Couso-Vasquez's deposition today despite my agreement to continue the deposition only if you obtained an alternative date prior to today's deposition. For these reasons, I expect Mr. DeLaRee to be present tomorrow at my office at 9:00 a.m. ready to commence his deposition. If he is not, I will proceed with a motion to compel seeking sanctions as outlined above against you, the city, and Mr. DeLaRee.

Very truly yours,

LACKIE & DAMMEIER APC

Michael A. McGill

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cc: Kathy Salazar (via email only)

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Sent:

Thursday, March 27, 2008 8:19 AM

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Fwd: Salazar v. City of Montebello

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To: MWadlington@aalrr.com

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Subj:Re: Salazar v. City of Montebello

Negative. The deposition will go forward at my office on Friday. Mr Delaree can drive the 30 miles and take breaks as necessary. I will accommodate him at his request, but the depo will go forward at my office. The md note did not say he couldn't come to my office.

Let me know what time Mr Delaree wants to start at.

Mike

--- Original Message ---

From: "Marlon C. Wadlington" <MWadlington@aalrr.com> Sent:Tue 3/25/08 3:29 pm To: "mcgill@policeattorney.com" <mcgill@policeattorney.com> Cc: "Irma Rodriguez Moisa" <IMoisa@aalrr.com> Subj:Salazar v. City of Montebello

In regard to the deposition of Defendant Gary Cousso-Vazquez, pursuant to our earlier communications regarding his recovery from back surgery, and the court's approval of the stipulation to continue the discovery and motion cut-off dates, that deposition will not be going forward on March 27, 2008.

In regard to the deposition of Robert DeLaRee, we discussed on Friday whether there were any locations, other than your offices in the city of Upland, where the deposition could take place. This request was made pursuant to the doctor's note submitted stating that Mr. DeLaRee is not to sit, stand, or walk for long distances. We offered to have the deposition remain on calendar, but be taken at our office, or at the city of Montebello's offices. In speaking with Mr. DeLaRee today, he is adamant that a drive and deposition at your offices will cause him great

discomfort. Thus, do you want to proceed with the deposition at the other proposed locations, or do you want to continue the depositions to a later date?

I will await your response.

Marlon C. Wadlington

Attorney

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VIA FACSIMILE (909) 985-3299 AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Michael A. McGill Lackie & Dammeier APC 367 North Second Avenue Upland, CA 91786

Re: Kathy Salazar v. City of Montebello, et al.

Dear Mr. McGill:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 26, 2007 regarding the depositions of Defendant Gary Cousso-Vazquez and Robert DeLaRec. Regarding the former, I spoke with your assistant on Tuesday to discuss alternate dates for his deposition as per our agreement, and with court approval, the discovery cut-off was continued. Your assistant informed me that you were out of the office at a seminar and I informed her that we could discuss dates for the deposition upon your return. Please contact me to discuss dates in late April, or early May to conduct that deposition.

In regard to Robert DeLaRee, we have been attempting to facilitate the taking of the deposition. However, he has provided you with a medical certificate stating that he cannot travel to your offices in Upland. I am not in a position to comment on the veracity of the doctor's note and further, do not have any motivation to prohibit this deposition from going forward. I would also like to point out that he is not a party to this litigation and is no longer an employee of the City of Montebello, in any capacity. Along those lines, if at the time of the deposition a person is sought to be deposed is no longer a director, officer, or managing agent of an entity, a subpoena is necessary to compel his or her attendance. Colonial Capital Co. v. General Motors Corp (1961) 29 FRD 514, 515. While we will continue to work with you to produce Mr. DeLaRee for deposition, we may want to try and accommodate his concerns as opposed to threatening him into attending your office tomorrow.

Finally, I am enclosing a recent Opinion that was issued by the Attorney General for your review. You will note that an inquiry was made regarding a city's ability to enter into a settlement agreement with a current council person arising out of actions that occurred while that individual was a private citizen. You will see from the Opinion that it supports our contention that the City would be violating Government Code Section 1090's prohibition against entering into agreements that are presumed be a conflicts of interest, and thus void.

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Please contact my office to discuss dates for the deposition of Defendant Cousso-Vazquez, our mutual problem with the deposition of Robert DeLaRee, and to discuss your thoughts, if any, regarding the Attorney General's Opinion.

Very truly yours,

ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUUD & ROMO

Marlon C. Wadlington

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CONCLUSIONS OF OPINIONS ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 2008

OPINION NO.

07-104 Although the issue is not entirely free from doubt, under the current state of the law, we conclude that a court could invalidate as contrary to state law a city's compromise settlement of a suit for damages that was brought by a city council member, before his election to the council, against the city and its employees for alleged wrongful conduct committed against him as a private citizen, because the plaintiff council member's financial interest in the settlement would be prohibited by Government Code section 1090. (Issued 2/15/08)

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Re:

Kathy Salazar v. City of Montebello, et al. Case No.: CV 07-0055 ABC (FFMx)

Dear Mr. Wadlington:

This is the first time you have mentioned that Mr. DeLaRee no longer works for the City of Montebello. Are you representing him in this matter and will you accept service of a subpoena, or shall I send my process server to his home tomorrow?

As for Couso-Vasquez, provide me with three available dates in April, not in May. May is too late, as the discovery cut-off is May 14th. If I don't receive available dates by the end of next week, I will notice him for a date at my discretion.

Very truly yours.

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Michael A. McGill

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cc: Kathy Salazar (via email only)

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From: Marlon C. Wadlington [MWadlington@aalrr.com]

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 11:11 AM

To: mcgill@policeattorney.com

Subject: RE: Salazar v. City of Montebello

Hello Michael. I am waiting for a response from Mr. DeLaRee regarding whether he wants us to accept service for him. I don't anticipate a problem with this. However, please allow me to confirm with him before I give you the o.k.

----Original Message----

From: Michael McGill [mailto:mcgill@policeattorney.com]

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 9:32 AM

To: Marlon C. Wadlington

Subject: RE: Salazar v. City of Montebello

I need to know today by noon whether you will be accepting service of the subpoena for Mr. DeLaRee. If I do not hear from you, I will dispatch my courier. Also, if you accept service, does he require the witness fee and mileage?

Mike

Michael McGill

From: Marlon C. Wadlington [MWadlington@aalrr.com]

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 1:41 PM

To: mcgill@policeattorney.com

Subject: RE: Salazar v. City of Montebello

I spoke to Mr. DeLaRee, and he authorized us to accept service of the deposition subpoena.

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KATHY SALAZAR

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Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), and (e), as amended on December 1, 2007:

(c) PROTECTING A PERSON SUBJECT TO A SUBPOENA.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpocena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpocena. The issuing court must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction — which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees — on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

- (A) Appearance Not Required. A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.
- (B) Objections. A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpocna a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:
- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the issuing court for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) When Required. On timely motion, the issuing court must quash or modify a subnoena that:

(i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;

- (ii) requires a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer to travel more than 100 miles from where that person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person—except that, subject to Rule 45(c)(3)(B)(iii), the person may be commanded to attend a trial by traveling from any such place within the state where the trial is held;
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
 - (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.
- (B) When Permitted. To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the issuing court may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:
- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information;
- (ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party; or
- (iii) a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial
- (C) Specifying Conditions as an Alternative. In the circumstances described in Rule 45(c)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
 - (ii) ensures that the subpocnaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(d) DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO A SUBPOENA.

- (1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:
- (A) Documents. A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.
- (B) Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified. If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.
- (C) Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form. The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.
- (D) Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information. The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) Information Withheld. A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

(i) expressly make the claim; and

- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.
- (B) Information Produced. If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information to the court under seal for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(e) CONTEMPT.

The issuing court may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena. A nonparty's failure to obey must be excused if the subpoena purports to require the nonparty to attend or produce at a place outside the limits of Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii).

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From: Marlon C. Wadlington [MWadlington@aalrr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 1:52 PM

To: mcgill@policeattorney.com

Subject: RE: Salazar v. City of Montebello

Hello Michael. I spoke to Robert DeLaRee. He indicated that he is having a reaction to the medication he is on. He believes his surgery will take place in the next ten days and the rehabilitation will last for 6 to 8 weeks. His doctor is sending another certificate to this effect. I will attach the notices for DeLaRee and the Chief to any stipulation to continue trial we agree to. Let me know your thoughts.

----Original Message----

From: Michael McGill [mailto:mcgill@policeattorney.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 12:12 PM

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Defendant Garry Couso-Vasquez had recently underwent a back surgery and was

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not able to meaningfully participate in deposition or his own defense in this lawsuit. Since the date of our last request for a continuance, we have received a medical certificate from his physician listing restrictions that would greatly inhibit his ability to participate in the deposition process. Furthermore, Defendant Couso-Vasquez will provide if necessary, a declaration indicating that his ability to participate in the deposition process and his own defense in this litigation is greatly hampered by the medications prescribed by his medical providers arising out of his lumbar disc surgery.

Furthermore, one of the key witnesses to this litigation, Robert DeLaRee, will undergo a hip replacement surgery within the next few weeks and the recuperation period for that procedure will take anywhere between six to eight weeks. We are enclosing a copy of the disability certificate forwarded by Robert DeLaRee's medical provider.

The court originally continued the discovery cut-off date from April 14, 2008, until May 14, 2008, and continued the motion cut-off date from May 5, 2008 until June 2, 2008. The court wisely noted that the final pre-trial conference and jury trial dates may have to be continued also.

Based upon the developments regarding the medical conditions of defendant Garry Couso-Vasquez and witness Robert DeLaRee, the parties **HEREBY STIPULATE** that the court continue the trial date, discovery cut-off date, and motion cut-off dates in this matter. Pursuant to the six to eight week recover period for Robert DeLaRee, the parties respectfully request that all dates in this matter currently scheduled be continued for a period of approximately three months. Thus, the parties respectfully request that the discovery date be continued from May 14, 2008 until August 14, 2008. Furthermore, the parties request that the motion cut-off date in this matter be continued from June 2, 2008 until September 1, 2008. Finally, the parties request that the trial in this matter be continued from August 19, 2008 until November 25, 2008.

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I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the within action; my business address is 17871 Park Plaza Drive, Suite 200, Cerritos, CA 90703-8597.

On April 15, 2008, I served the following document(s) described as STIPULATION REQUESTING A CONTINUANCE OF THE TRIAL, DISCOVERY CUT-OFF DATE AND CUT-OFF DATE FOR MOTIONS TO **BE FILED** on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

Michael A. McGill Lackie & Dammeier APC 367 North Second Avenue Upland, CA 91786 909-985-4003; 909-985-3299 FAX mcgill@policeattorney.com

X **ELECTRONIC MAIL:** I have caused the above-mentioned document(s) to be electronically served on the above-mentioned person(s). who are currently on the list to receive e-mail notices for this case.

I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on April 15, 2008, at Cerritos, California.

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